

**REMARKS**

Rejected claims 1-15 and 20-23 are canceled without prejudice.

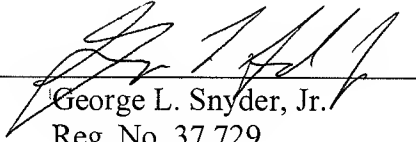
Claims 16-19, found to contain allowable subject matter, are placed in condition for allowance by rewriting claim 16 in independent form to expressly include all the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 2 and 13.

Claims 24-26, found to contain allowable subject matter, are placed in condition for allowance by rewriting claim 24 in independent form to expressly include all the limitations of base claim 23.

Claims 27-28 are allowed.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. The Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fees to deposit account number 08-2442.

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